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EXPLOITATION OF ENEMY DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

Memorandum by the Secretary

At the request of the Chief of Naval Intelligence, the enclosed memorandum has been submitted to the Interdepartmental Coordinating and Planning Staff for study and recommendation, and is circulated herewith for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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MEMORANDUM BY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

POLITICAL PSYCHOLOGY

THE PROBLEM

To arrange for the coordinated exploitation of the enemy document repositories for the purpose of extracting, cataloging and abstracting all documents relating to Political-Social-Psychological Warfare.

FACTS

Repositories which are likely to contain material dealing with this problem are as follows:

German Military Document Section
Basement of War Department

Special Document Section, G-2
Camp Hollabird, Md.

Washington Document Center
Steuart Building, Washington, D. C.

Wright Field, Ohio

FIAT in Germany

BIOS in England

DISCUSSION

The Germans were the leading exponents of psychological warfare, and as such they undoubtedly conducted extensive research for the purpose of conducting such warfare against the Russians. Any German research in this connection would undoubtedly contain evaluations of Russian weaknesses. Also, since the Germans actually conducted psychological warfare against the Russians, it is reasonable to expect that in addition to such research, there might be found in the above repositories descriptions of methods actually used as well as successes and failures. Any Russian documents dealing with German operations in this field would be particularly valuable, and since the Germans occupied a large portion of Russia and captured innumerable Russian documents, it is probable that some of those documents might also be found in the above repositories. A search

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of all likely repositories for the purpose of extracting, cataloging and abstracting all documents relating to political-social-psychological warfare would be of tremendous value in future study and planning in this field. Since this subject is of mutual concern to the State, War and Navy Departments, it is believed that C.I.G. is the proper agency to arrange for and coordinate this project. When this work has been completed and it is known what is available, a program of translating and study can then be drawn up and approved. This latter phase should also be coordinated by C.I.G.

CONCLUSION

That all repositories of captured enemy documents should be searched for the purpose of extracting, cataloging and abstracting all documents relating to political-social-psychological warfare.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(a) That C.I.G. arrange for and coordinate the search of all repositories of captured enemy documents for the purpose of extracting, cataloging and abstracting all documents relating to political-social-psychological warfare.

(b) That the State, War and Navy Department intelligence agencies participate, as practicable, in this project.

(c) That upon completion of subject problem the results be examined and a program of translating and study be drawn up and approved for C.I.G. coordination.

(d) That subject problem be submitted to ICAPS for study and recommendation.

(e) That this problem be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board.

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